6. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.
7. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.
8. Upgradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.

Luxury budget hotels

898. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to establish luxury budget hotels in the country;

(b) if so, what are the cities and towns which have been identified for the purpose, so far, across the country;

(c) the number of such hotels expected to come up, citi and town-wise; and

(d) by when these hotels are expected to be completed and what would be the cost of each hotel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up 100 budget hotels throughout the Indian Railways network in the vicinity of major railway stations through Public Private Partnership. The list of 100 identified location/railway stations is given in the Statement (*See* below). However, setting up of budget hotels at eight locations (i.e. Caranac Bunder, Agra, Pune, Chennai, Anand Vihar, Chandigarh, Secunderabad and Habibganj) which have been identified for development as world class stations, has been reviewed so as to avoid conflict between development of budget hotels and world class stations. Though the process for setting up such hotels has started, no time-frame for their completion has been fixed as yet. The cost of these hotels varies from hotel to hotel depending on its size and the cost is to be borne by the private partner.

Statement

List of proposed locations for Budget Hotels

Sl.No.	Location	Railway
1.	Carnac Bunder	Central Railway
2.	Nasik Road	Central Railway
3.	Kolhapur	Central Railway
4.	Lonawala	Central Railway
5.	Mumbai CST	Central Railway
6.	Nagpur	Central Railway
7.	Shirdi	Central Railway
8.	Pune	Central Railway
9.	Gaya	East Central Railway
10.	Patna	East Central Railway
11.	Rajgir	East Central Railway
12.	Bhubaneswar	East Coast Railway
13.	Puri	East Coast Railway
14.	Cuttack	East Coast Railway
15.	Vishakhapattanam	East Coast Railway
16.	Sealdah	Eastern Railway
17.	Howrah	Eastern Railway
18.	Mathura/Vrindavan	North Central Railway
19.	Allahabad	North Central Railway
20.	Gwalior	North Central Railway
21.	Agra	North Central Railway
22.	Agartala	Northeast Frontier Railway
23.	Silchar/Lumding	Northeast Frontier Railway

Sl.No.	Location	Railway
24.	Darjeeling	Northeast Frontier Railway
25.	New Jalpaiguri	Northeast Frontier Railway
26.	Guwahati	Northeast Frontier Railway
27.	Srinagar	Northern Railway
28.	Jammu	Northern Railway
29.	Joginder Nagar	Northern Railway
30.	Ludhiana	Northern Railway
31.	Shimla	Northern Railway
32.	Varanasi	Northern Railway
33.	New Delhi	Northern Railway
34.	Nizamuddin	Northern Railway
35.	Delhi Cantonment	Northern Railway
36.	Deharadun	Northern Railway
37.	Rishikesh	Northern Railway
38.	Kangra	Northern Railway
39.	Katra	Northern Railway
40.	Lucknow	Northern Railway
41.	Haridwar	Northern Railway
42.	Amritsar	Northern Railway
43.	Anand Vihar (Delhi)	Northern Railway
44.	Chandigarh	Northern Railway
45.	Moradabad	Northern Railway
46.	Udaipur	North Western Railway
47.	Lalgarh/Bikaner	North Western Railway
48.	Jaisalmer	North Western Railway
49.	Jodhpur	North Western Railway
50.	Mount Abu	North Western Railway
51.	Ajmer	North Western Railway
52.	Jaipur	North Western Railway
53.	Vijayawada	South Central Railway
54.	Aurangabad	South Central Railway
55.	Tirupati	South Central Railway
56.	Nanded	South Central Railway
57.	Hyderabad	South Central Railway
58.	Secunderabad	South Central Railway
59.	Bilaspur	South East Central Railway
60.	Tata Nagar	South Eastern Railway
61.	Raipur	South Eastern Railway
62.	Ranchi	South Eastern Railway
63.	Chennai	Southern Railway
64.	Chennai Egmore	Southern Railway
65.	Mangalore	Southern Railway
66.	Trivandrum	Southern Railway
67.	Coimbatore	Southern Railway
68.	Rameshwaram	Southern Railway
69.	Ooty	Southern Railway
70.	Kanyakumari	Southern Railway
71.	Eranakulam	Southern Railway
72.	Kottayam	Southern Railway
73.	Calicut	Southern Railway
74.	Tuticorin	Southern Railway
75.	Pondicherry	Southern Railway
76.	Alwaye	Southern Railway
77.	Cochin	Southern Railway
78.	Madurai	Southern Railway
79.	Kodaikanal Road	Southern Railway
80.	Quilon	Southern Railway
81.	Belgaum	South Western Railway
82.	Bangalore	South Western Railway
83.	Madgaon	South Western Railway
84.	Mysore	South Western Railway
85.	Goa/Vasco-da-gama	South Western Railway
86.	Khajuraho	West Central Railway
87.	Kota	West Central Railway
88.	Jabalpur	West Central Railway

Sl.No.	Location	Railway	No.	Location	Railway
89.	Habibganj/Bhopal	West Central Railway	95.	Ahmedabad	Western Railway
90.	Indore	Western Railway	96.	Vadodara	Western Railway
91.	Vapi	Western Railway	97.	Dwarka/Okha	Western Railway
92.	Veraval	Western Railway	98.	Surat	Western Railway
93.	Rajkot	Western Railway	99.	Bombay Bandra	Western Railway
94.	Mumbai Central	Western Railway	100.	Ujjain	Western Railway

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan and Uttaranchal

899. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for gauge conversion in Rajasthan and Uttaranchal going to be executed under National Rail Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the proposal and when it is being executed;

(c) whether Jaipur-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari section, which is quite sensitive and important is also going to be included in the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Gauge conversions of Bhildi-Samdari and Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari in Rajasthan are being executed under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). These projects are expected to be completed in 2008-09.

No project in Uttaranchal is being executed under NRVY.

Manual scavenging at platforms

900. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petition filed by 'Safai Kamdar Andolan' before Supreme Court on inhuman practice of manual scavenging in Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that manual scavenging is prohibited in our country by 1993 Parliament Act; and

(c) if so, what actions are taken by his Ministry to stop manual scavenging on railway platforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Writ Petition (Civil) No. 583 was filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by Safai Karamchari Andolan and Others *versus* Union of India & Others requesting the Hon'ble court to direct the concerned Departments, including Railways, to take immediate time bound and effective steps for eliminating manual scavenging.